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## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

*(for Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995))*

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Applicant: Hauser et al.  
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Examiner: Hamid R. Badr

To: Commissioner for Patents  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37. C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

### **APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

#### **1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 10/5/09.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - a. ☐ PTO-1449
    - b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. **XX** Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 2 months. ((Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).)
- b. ☐ Other
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**3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. **XX** The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.
- i. **XX** \$810.00 (RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))
  - ii. **XX** Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. **XX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

**4. Correspondence Address:**

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Respectfully submitted,



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